New Industrial Schemes of Gujarat

†184. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the new industrial schemes. submitted by the Government of Gujarat. which have been included in the current five year plan;

(b) whether any of such proposals is pending for approval; and

(c) if so, the reasons for delay and by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) According to the Eighth Plan document of the State Government of Gujarat, no new industrial scheme has been included in the Eighth Plan of the State.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Storage Facility in the Country

†185. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rural godowns are microscopic in number in the tribal and hilly areas in States like Orissa and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to improve and upgrade the existing godowns and also to open adequate number of rural godowns in the tribal and hilly areas of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a)) to (c) A scheme under Ministry of Rural Development for establishment of a National grid of Rural Godowns was started in 1979 in which Ministry of Rural Development has been providing central assistance in the form of subsidy for constructions of rural godowns to the State Governments/ Union Territories. The scheme aimed at provision of scientific storage facilities at the farm level, particularly for small and marginal farmers to safeguard them against distress sales immediately after the harvest and to reduce losses due to substandard storage. The scheme has now been transferred to State sector as per decision of National Development Council. Under this scheme an amount of Rs. 43.78 crores was provided as central assistance to various State Governments/ Union Territories for setting up of 4835 rural godowns with a total storage capacity of 28.47 lakh tonnes. As on 31.3.1995 3834 rural godowns with a total storage capacity of 21.31 lakh tonnes have been completed. An amount of Rs. 0.81 crores and Rs. 2.56 crores has been provided as central assistance to Orissa and Madhya Pradesh State Governments for setting up of 137 and 468 rural godowns with capacity of 0.748 lakh tonnes and 3.087 lakh tonnes respectively. The detail showing district-wise of godowns sanctioned in the State of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below)

NCDC under the Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operation provides financial assistance for creation of scientific storage facilities to cooperatives in accordance to the requirements assessed by State Governments and on their recommendations. The Corporation, since its inception has provided financial assistance to cooperatives upto 31st March, 1994 for construction of 55327 rural and 9447 marketing godowns capacity 136.91 lakh tonnes of which 52679 rural and 9190 marketing godowns capacity 131.33 lakh tonnes have been completed.

In so far as the States of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh are concerned the number of Rural and marketing godowns